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1. HUA KUO-FENG. PROMINENT COVERAGE TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON HUA'S PYONGYANG VISIT. MAY 7 PRESS HEADLINES STORY AS "HUA DEMANDS PULL-OUT OF U.S. TROOPS". OTHER POINTS EMPHASIZED WERE (A) KIM IL-SONG OPPOSED TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL (REUTERS) AND (B) HUA DECLARED DPRK AS ONLY LEGITIMATE KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND REJECTED CROSS RECOGNITION IDEA. MOST PAPERS INCLUDE COMMENTARY AND ALL HAVE EDITORIALS. MOST EDITORIALS TAKE THEME THAT HUA'S VISIT AIMED AT COUNTERING USSR INFLUENCE WITH DPRK BY ESTABLISHING CLOSER PRC/DPRK TIES. EDITORIALS CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT DPRK WILL FOLLOW PRC'S SUGGESTION TO JOIN IN ANTI-SOVIET LINE. TONGA ILBO NOTES IMPORTANCE OF PRC ECONOMIC MINISTER AS PART OF DELEGATION. IN GENERAL, EDITORIALS VOICE NO GREAT CONCERN WITH ANTI-ROK/ANTI-U.S. POSITIONS TAKEN IN PYONGYANG.

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2. SENATOR STEVENSON. MODERATE COVERAGE TO STEVENSON'S DECISION NOT TO OPPOSE EXIM FINANCING OF ROK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION. IN ACCOMPANYING WIRE REPORT, PAPERS NOTE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION FINDING NO BASIS FOR ALLEGATION OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING.

3. TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL. ALL PAPERS GIVE SMALL FRONT
PAGE COVERAGE TO AFP/YOMIURI REPORT (CITING WASH DIP
SOURCES) THAT NK REJECTED PROPOSAL, AND THIS INFORMATION
WAS CONVEYED TO JAPAN IN CARTER/FUKUDA TALKS. CHUNGANG
ILBO TOKYO CORRESPONDENT SAYS YOMIURI SOURCE WAS "U.S.
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